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SUBJECT: LONG SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON ROMANIAN
APPROPRIATION

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS AND SY
TAUBENBLATT, DIRECTOR, NE/CD, AID TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT
OF \$13 MILLION FY 1977 APPROPRIATION BEFORE LONG SUB-
COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 8. OUR READING IS THAT ALL SUB-
COMMITTEE MEMBERS, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN LONG, FAVOR
INCLUSION OF \$13 MILLION WHEN BILL GOES TO CONFERENCE.
HEARING, HOWEVER, LASTED HOUR AND A QUARTER AND COVERED
WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES, FROM HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA TO
QUESTIONABLE WISDOM OF GRANTING EVEN HUMANITARIAN AID
TO A WARSAW PACT MEMBER. WE BELIEVE MOST QUESTIONS
WERE INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A RECORD RATHER THAN TO
INDICATE OPPOSITION. IN WORDS OF CHAIRMAN LONG, "WE
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WANT TO GO INTO THIS THING WITH OUR EYES OPEN." LONG
STRESSED NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT ROMANIAN PEOPLE ARE
AWARE U.S. IS PROVIDING AID, AND HE REQUESTED A DETAILED
REPORT ON WHAT U.S. WOULD GAIN, ASIDE FROM ROMANIA'S
PAST PERFORMANCE, FROM PROVIDING FURTHER ASSISTANCE.
EMBASSY COMMENTS ARE WELCOME.

2. HEARING WAS WELL ATTENDED, WITH PARTICIPATION BY YOUNG, CONTE, YATES, SMITH AND WILSON. CONTE WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. NO SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER OPPOSED INCLUSION OF ROMANIAN ITEM. CHAIRMAN LONG SAID HOUSE WILL SELECT CONFEREES SEPTEMBER 15, CONFERENCE SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20, AND HE WOULD EXPECT BILL TO BE PASSED IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.

3. AMONG VARIOUS FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REQUESTED CURRENT REPORT ON ASSISTANCE TO ROMANIA FROM OTHER SOURCES. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE UPDATE OF LISTING INCLUDED IN MAY 9 TEAM REPORT. VANCE

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